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Compton Comment

"PLEASE devote one issue of your column to telling about the people who wrote the major articles for your 1938 edition," suggested a librarian recently. So—to paraphrase from Time Magazine—"These names make the news in the current Compton edition."

One of the most popular of the new literary biographies is Stephen Leacock's five-page sketch of Charles Dickens. In the same group are John Burrell's Sir Walter Scott, Robert Hillyer's Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and Carl Van Doren's Jonathan Swift. Blanche Colton Williams did the biographies of Eliot, Chaucer, and Thackeray. William Rose Benét contributed several articles in the literary field of which the one on Edna St. Vincent Millay is probably the most outstanding. Burton Rascoe wrote on Cervantes. Mary Gould Davis contributed the biographical sketch of Rudyard Kipling, and Raymond Weaver did the biographies of Milton and Hugo.

Other headliners in the current edition are articles on Land Use, by Paul Bigelow Sears, author of "Deserts on the March"; Circus, by Courtney Ryley Cooper; Baseball, by Louis Shores; Dictatorship, by Harold James Tobin; and Industrial Revolution, by Ellen Osgood.

Eleanor Boykin completed a group of articles with Letter Writing and Conver-



sation. Bob Becker revised the article on Dogs. John Bakeless wrote on Magazines. Color was written by Ronald Millar, Compton Science Editor, and other important articles were prepared by members of our own staff or by writers brought in for special assignments.

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THIS is written as I travel westward on the Empire Builder after attending the twenty-ninth annual conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association in Glacier Park, August 31-September 2. The conference program was excellent—the park a delight. As always when meeting with these northwest librarians, I am impressed by their professional purposefulness, by their freedom in discussion, and, most of all, by the good fellowship which pervades the group.

James Willard Schultz, author of "Lone Bull's Mistake" and many other Indian tales, attended the meeting with Mrs. Schultz. The first white man in the Many Glacier region, Mr. Schultz told us some delightful tales of early explorations and of the Blackfeet Indians with whom he has lived for so long. At seventy-eight, he has just had a book published, and is writing another one. Mrs. Schultz, an anthropologist, is working with the women of the Blackfeet, reviving ancient crafts and rediscovering original Indian designs.

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An Address to the Catholic Library Association*

By DR. IGINO GIORDANI, *Chief of the Catalog Division, Vatican Library*

It is a pleasure and honor for me to address the Catholic librarians of America in the name of the Vatican Library which I represent, a great library deserving on this occasion of a more worthy representative. I came to the United States ten years ago in order to profit by your experience in the field of professional librarianship. I have come now again with the same ambition. And with these words my address might be finished, had I not been requested to express my opinion—or rather the opinion of the Vatican librarians—on your activities as an Association of Catholic professional librarians.

As for myself, since the beginning of my studies in this field, which I started at the University of Michigan as a classmate of your President, my friend Father Farrell, I have followed with increasing admiration and profit both the work of the old organization, the A.L.A., to which American libraries are mostly indebted, and the activity of your young Association. It seems to me that the C.L.A. harmonizes with the A.L.A. in the professional field and integrates it on the religious side. Every American librarian is fortunate in the assistance and support he receives from such an organization as the A.L.A.; every Catholic librarian is doubly fortunate in being assisted by the A.L.A.

and the C.L.A. I might almost say that for the care of his body he has the A.L.A., and for the care of his soul the C.L.A. I refer, of course, to the care you require and receive as librarians.

But my own personal opinion may be, as indeed it really is, of no importance. Conscious of this, before leaving for the United States, I wished to hear the opinion of the Librarian of Holy Mother Church, Giovanni Cardinal Mercati, whose long life spent in libraries and devoted to learning gives his suggestions a particular value. As you know, he succeeded the present Holy Father in the direction of the Vatican Library, and in 1936 was deservedly raised to the cardinalate together with Msgr. Tisserant, his intimate co-operator. One hundred years ago, two other librarians of the Vatican were simultaneously created cardinals: Mai and Mezzofanti. We may take this as evidence of the Popes' interest in librarianship. Accordingly, when I asked Cardinal Mercati his opinion of your organizations, this man who speaks very little and is very reserved in his statements, expressed himself with such warm admiration for your organizations in general and of the C.L.A., in particular, and talked to me with so lively an interest of your activities and your possibilities that I was more than agreeably surprised. He is a man who ponders his judgments

*This address was delivered at the Kansas City Convention, General Session, June 14, 1938.

gravely; therefore, his opinion seems to me of great authority.

The feelings of Cardinal Tisserant you know. Since his first visit to America, he has understood and appreciated highly the existence and the work of the A.L.A., and soon wished to become a life-member. He still follows the activity of the A.L.A. and of the C.L.A. with the greatest interest. Although at the head of an important dicastery, whose jurisdiction in the past month the Pope has enormously enlarged, Cardinal Tisserant comes daily to the Vatican Library. He is proud of his membership in the A.L.A. and of the friendship of the C.L.A. I am sure that he is not a little homesick for libraries. Only very recently, he took part in the conference of the Italian librarians at Bari, where he read a report which was highly appreciated.

It is unnecessary to add that these sentiments are shared by our new Prefect, the learned Benedictine Father Albareda, and my colleagues of the Vatican Library who follow your work. Your bulletins, both those of the A.L.A., and those of the C.L.A., are read with interest also by the students of our Library School. Through these printed reports, you have become our teachers in the professional field.

APOSTOLATE OF THE LIBRARY

Your achievements are seen and appreciated not only with the keen sympathy which personal relations between American and Vatican librarians have created, relations which have been so fruitful since the Great War in the interest of culture and of peace, but also in the light of Catholic Action as a form of apostolate. We realize very well that as a professional group who value both the human and supernatural sides of

your profession, you participate actively in the life of the Mystical Body for the spread of God's Kingdom on earth, that you may by means of books convey the fruits of Christ's Precious Blood to the social body which needs them. And this is the particular program of the present Pope, as it is also the particular need of our time.

The good library is made by the good librarian. The good librarian is made by good training, but the level of his efficiency is raised and his powers enhanced by active membership in a good professional association. That Catholic libraries combine their efforts and Catholic librarians unite, is an obligation they have to themselves and to the Church at large.

In the Middle Ages, libraries were compared to fortresses (and not only because they were often kept closed); *armarium* rhymed with *armamentarium*. But those were times of knights errant and roving soldiers of fortune. Very different is the nature of the fight today, and different, too, must be the method of our resistance. Today we need discipline, co-ordination of effort, and as far as possible, unity of aim. In the struggle against the destructive forces of atheism and paganism which by a flood of printed matter are trying to clear the road for the coming of the Apocalyptic Beast, good libraries form a system of strongholds whose efficiency depends chiefly on good librarians, as the efficiency of weapons depends on good soldiers.

C. L. A. AND A. L. A.

It seems to me that the C.L.A., awakens, educates and strengthens the consciousness of this moral and religious responsibility, and this suffices to justify the hopes which Catholics have for this Association. Such a consciousness enables

you to administer a Catholic library in the proper way and to spread Christian enlightenment in non-Catholic libraries. It stimulates you also to be exemplary librarians, diffusing the riches of the Catholic spirit within the ranks of the profession at large: that is to say, the C.L.A., helps you to be good members of the A.L.A. In view of the aims of Catholic Action, it would be a real misfortune in my opinion, if you as a Catholic group were to withdraw from the A.L.A. It would mean that the Catholic consciousness was departing from this professional union, actually depriving the A.L.A., of the spiritual contribution and of the professional experience of the C.L.A., and of Catholic libraries. Christians must be the salt of the earth; as librarians, they must be the salt of librarianship to its very core, which is the A.L.A. Needless to say, all this is given as the personal opinion of a friend without the slightest intention of offering you any suggestions. That would indeed be presumptuous on my part. You do not need them from me. But it seems to me that in this way only may the wish of the Holy Father be interpreted, that Catholics everywhere form an outstanding element in every labor union, outstanding for personal virtue and social service.

POPE AND LIBRARIAN

At this meeting, the Holy Father may be mentioned in a twofold connection: as the Father of the faithful, and as a great—or as he prefers to put it, an old—Librarian. Americans know this: they helped him make the oldest library of Europe the most modern in technique. In the audience of June 17, 1929, at the First International Congress of Librarians and Bibliographers, held in Rome, the Pope greeted individually all the librari-

ians, who represented several countries and belonged to various religious groups. He spent an hour in making the tour of the huge Sistine Hall, the most wonderful wing of the Vatican Library, and afterwards made a short speech as a colleague to colleagues. He said in part: "We repeat with particular pleasure this word, colleague, because We are proud of this title in a field so worthy and important as the domain of librarianship, of bibliography and of books. We were able in the very first days of Our Pontificate to enjoy the beauty and sweetness of this colleagueship, when the heads of the libraries of the Western States of America sent Us a message written in classic Latin, in which they expressed their congratulations, 'because,' as they expressed it, '*unus ex nobis factus est Summus Pontifex* (one of us has been made Sovereign Pontiff)'. This means that one of the happiest recollections of the first days of his Pontificate is bound up with his profession of librarian, from which he was definitely removed; and the pleasure of the recollection is derived from the fellow-feeling of his American colleagues. In that speech the Pontiff-librarian invited all his colleagues to visit the Father's home ("home", said he, "of the great Catholic family, and indeed of the great family of all believers") and to visit in the Father's home the Vatican Library, "which is the Mother-library", as he expressed it, and as such he wished it to be considered by all librarians. Finally, he exhorted us to be worthy of our profession, a vocation charged with the noblest responsibilities in the service of intelligence and humanity. In other words, the Father of the faithful cherishes us as his colleagues also, as united to him by professional ties. He looks upon us as li-

brarians, and within this field of librarianship he exhorts us to be worthy of our noble calling.

As members of a Catholic Association, you draw upon the supernatural source of this vocation. Catholicism in librarianship is the divine inspiration and the eternal goal of your work. Socially, it means the universality of culture over against sectarianism and all the limitations of race and class. You wish culture to comprehend heaven and earth, God and man, spirit and matter, shutting out only evil, which is a hindrance to life.

Paganism and atheism do not spring so much from a hatred of Christ as from ignorance of Christ. The proper use of good books will help to dispel much of this ignorance. It will be a great merit of your Association, if you spread Christian thought throughout America and secure for Catholic literature the circulation it deserves.

OUR FUNCTION

Cardinal Mercati assigns to the C.L.A., a function of integration in American culture. He considers it your task to introduce to American libraries and readers through translations and adaptations, and by the publication of reviews written by competent critics—those products of the Catholic thought of Europe which are not known to the American public at large. This would be a notable accretion to American culture, and this is the desire which he has enjoined upon me to communicate to this assembly. We on our part shall try to make still better known those works of yours which may serve to enrich and enlarge our culture. We in Europe could and should do much more, if we too had an Association of Catholic Librarians, and that in every country.

This is the highest ideal implicit in the name "Catholic." But as a Library Association, you have other ideals as well: professional ideals. On this score also, the results achieved by you, as I read in *The Catholic Library World*, and the projects already under way assure the growth and prosperity of your society. The isolated efforts of each one of you could never accomplish the results possible to an organization in the field of Catholic bibliography, in the selection of books and periodicals, in supplying readers with information, in the circulation of books. The Association can throw light on the welter of books which are pouring forth from the presses, can guide you through the confused and confusing judgments of the critics, can put you in touch with specialists, help you in the fixing of prices, in the ordering of books, can supply information concerning publishers and book-sellers—all this from both the commercial and moral point of view. It can assist in the cataloguing and classifying of particularly difficult works, and I may add her that the achievement of Mrs. Lynn is one of which the Catholic librarians of every country may well be proud.

The librarian of a remote religious house or of a small school, embarrassed by the problems of his or her profession, is no longer isolated, once he or she belongs to a society, the individual members of which profit by the experience of all, where the contributions of individual members are collected and organized, and the mistakes of each corrected and eliminated. As Dr. Louis R. Wilson has said: "The total strength of individual librarians brought into a purposeful working unity is far greater

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Through the Eye of a Needle*

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Microphotography, a big word for a small body, has become the talk of the town, and rather suddenly so. It is essentially a development of the present decade, and particularly of the past trienium. Steady periodical reference to it starts with 1936. The first book on the subject appeared late in that year, the second in 1937—both reporting national symposia in America—while the pioneering journal in the subject issued its initial number in March, 1938.

But once starting, it moved with a vim. Charles E. Rush has recorded the widespread use of hand apparatus in Europe. A key position was assigned the demonstration of mechanized instruments in the miniature filming of texts at last year's Paris Exposition. The subject bulked large in the World Congress of Documentation meeting August, 1937, in the same city. There was a display of instruments and work at the 10th International Congress of Chemistry in Rome, May, 1938. An impressive body of papers is carried in the agenda of the International Institute of Documentation scheduled for Oxford next September, while steps have already been taken for adequate representation of the subject at next year's Zurich meeting of the same organization.

At least three Foundations have made substantial grants to foster development of this new technique and finance projects on both sides of the Atlantic as well as in China, while the United States Government has given support on several fronts. Major laboratories have been set up in Washington and the University of Chicago, and there seems good prospects of the same in Paris and London. Two important inquiries are under way in England, with leadership in each case resident in King's College at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. More than a score of American libraries have filming service according to a recent survey, while commercial establishments are steadily cropping out. The number of current projects is legion.

Enough has been cited to indicate the international importance attributed to the subject. But we must not be rushed off our feet. Mass movements have ceased to impress except by their terror. A whole nation can go mad dog. Seers are never in the majority. It is the precious few that have ever given the world whatever degree of safety it possesses. Let the newcomer stand and declare itself to the individual. What of salvation has it to offer a world that is sick well-nigh to death?

It is easy to fly to extremes about it. The rare-book dealer who speaks scornfully of it as a passing whim is kicking

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against the pricks. It, or something like it, is here to stay. Yale makes a deservedly impressive show of its Gutenberg Bible, but the modern printing press does an infinitely finer thing in making that superlatively precious text available to the English-speaking world at prices all can afford. Preserving the relics of our forebears' accomplishments is a gentle act but wise only as a stepping stone to higher things. Beauty is truth and a thing of beauty is a joy forever, as Keats avers, but we follow a nobler course in making our commonest ways all fair than in capping sordidness with an isolated show. Slums are poor approaches to a cenotaph. Our war dead are more honored by our making life sweet and fruitful for their bereaved than in keeping a flame at the unknown grave. If a hull holds life, it is better to plant it to a harvest than put it in a museum. If the beautiful text has words that lift, hoarding can have no forgiveness. The executive that laments the multiplication of his treasures must be chastened out of his folly. A stock of manuscripts may be only a pile of deadwood. The number may mean nothing but confession of an idle plant. Unless and until somebody with something to say can fashion from them something we can live by, they are a delusion. No, a medium that can turn ore to everyday use is not going to be scorned away.

Equally foolish is the opposite slogan—"When not in use, reduce"—and vain the hope of the philanthropist that sizable library buildings are destined to pass. We are going to keep on living within the range of our five senses. We shall continue to listen to the wind in the trees, take the delight of berry from vine, inhale the flying scents of wood and garden, glory in the panorama of earth and sky

that eyes can bring us, and lay our human hands about everything we love. For these things all feed the heart and out of the heart are the issues of life. Blessed is the skill that prolongs these senses to the end of age. Blessed, too, the patient search that gives us instruments to extend our awareness of the universe beyond the range of unaided sense. But these are plunges as of a diver. We shall live in boats rather than bells. In laboratory and observatory we shall relentlessly press into infinity both ways, but we shall not go about the earth with microscopes strapped to our heads or telescopes on our backs. Forever and forever it will remain true that our reason for sending children into the world will be that they may know the majesty of the starry sky, the slant of a swallow's wing, the glow of morn and eve, the sweet breath of growing things, the waves of music along the air, the touch and tones that tell of kinship in our faring. No, we shall always want to hold in our hands and with our eyes revel in whatever of sage or dreamer's pages we may prize.

FIELD OF MICROPHOTOGRAPHY

If, then, neither hoarding against the dissemination nor wholesale reduction of available records is the part of wisdom, what constitutes the sensible middle course?

In the first line be it realized that the candid camera is no substitute for the printing press. It merely goes where the big fellow cannot reach. And where is this? Let us name a few places.

It is often not possible for the press to retrace its steps and play guide a second time. Yet a second run may be most important. This is notably true of newspapers. Future generations will need this diary of ours, dark as it is with evil. But

they are short-lived and bulky. Resetting will be out of the question for the subscribers will be few and revenue from advertisers nil. The camera's essay at recapture by reversed paper prints was rightly hailed. Large libraries have been glad to pay the cost of these Colonial photostats, but the price is back-breaking and only a few can afford it. Competent brains should be served irrespective of purse length. Filming is the only answer thus far offered to the generality of students. In fact it is a spectacular answer, since at one stroke a medium small, cheap, and lasting is substituted for a spent and costly bulk. In the July issue of the *A. L. A. Bulletin* will be found a list of thirty key journals from the period of the French Revolution which are now available on film at prices any library that is likely to use them can afford to pay. To be sure a generous foundation defrays the cost of the negative; else the cost of a single copy would be twice as great. Even so it would be a bargain. Thus, Marat's *L'Ami du peuple* is to be had for \$37.50; Mirabeau's *Courrier de Provence*, \$39.55; the royalist *Les Actes des Apôtres*, \$31.20; the *Gazette de Paris* of Rozoi, first writer to the scaffold, \$22.50; Prudhomme's celebrated *Révolutions de Paris*, \$59.45; and the rival *Tournon* series, \$21.40, to cite just a few. Furthermore, the film copy and projection prints from it are more legible than the original.

And so for anything hopelessly out of print and not in sufficient demand to justify reprinting. Thus, we have just quoted a negative film copy of Gilbert Imlay's *The emigrants*—3 vols. for \$6.85. A second (positive) copy could be had for about half as much. There is no auction record for this work since there

is nothing to auction. Only four copies are known to us to exist. The film edition costs the purchaser a cent a page without inquiring whether anybody else wants one. Publishers can now announce that nothing on their lists is ever hereafter unavailable.

The midget then can retrace the course for fresh adventurers while the typesetters record conquests ahead. They are like torpedo boat destroyers that rush hither and yon, are gone and return on their protective errands while the heavy transport plows slowly ahead, its precious freight undiminished by loss of one fiery soul aboard.

VALUE FOR SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

But the new power does more than protect an advancing line. Light of foot it can on short order as never before effect fresh concentrations at points of likely advance. It is not enough that multitudinous gains on the unknown should have been won the world over. Unless they be integrated and massed where they can count, there will be great waste of effort and much duplication of results. The first necessity is the bibliographical spotting of all output both separate and serial. Once this is effected, the omnipresent camera can go a long way toward packing power where it is most needed. Natural scientists see in this new technique their first hope of commanding the world's periodical output in their various specialties. No individual or institution can own all the journals currently issued, but they can now begin to see the possibility of securing all that's written in their several restricted fields. Thus looms up the prospect of special collections characterized by an unprecedented degree of completeness.

TEACHING VALUE

Such fresh correlation of materials has significance in teaching as well as research. The value of illustration is everywhere recognized. The picture, the map, graph, or chart in text or on screen hastens comprehension of the words whether written or spoken. For all our constant appeal to the ears in the lecture system, the eyes remain the king sense, as the Greeks long ago observed. The listener watches the face of the speaker, and even the blind are busy visualizing. And so projectors of scenes both moving and still have entered the modern classroom.

As long ago as the seventeenth century, Comenius suggested the systematic use of visual and other sensory materials in education. Marked progress has been scored since then and there is now a wealth of material on which to draw. The use of them in the lecture room, however, has been limited, owing to the expense of preparing them and the cumbersome methods of presentation. The film now comes to the rescue in dramatic fashion. One of my colleagues gives an illustration. He wants to describe the monitorial schools of the early eighteenth century—their curriculum, organization, and administration. For this purpose he needs to draw on the Annual reports of the Public School Society of New York; the prospectus of an early school of this sort; textbooks written by the founder; manuals carrying illustration of floor plans, desks, apparatus, positions of pupils, medals awarded; contemporary journal articles, autobiographies, etc. Now carrying these materials to the classroom and deploying them there is awkward business. But a camera can snap them right up in proper sequence before the class assembles and then have them disclosed

as and when the instructor wishes by means of a library reading machine instantly converted to wall projection by flip of panel. The lecture preserves its unity, and copies of it could for a few cents be provided afterwards to the student, who might at his desk re-examine it all by dropping the panel. It is his alone this time and as often as he likes.

VALUE IN MS. FIELD

But the camera can not merely save the press from loss and add to the mobility of its creations, it can itself bring to life human records beyond the reach of printers ever to touch. Manuscripts, that is, which for one reason or another are not to be published. These for purposes of history may be all the more revealing because unstudied. The best photographs may be those of a subject off guard. These are as individual as finger prints. The true historian wants his hand on original records—records both public and private. He is concerned not merely with the tale of dynasty or the reports of collective social action, but also with the papers of philanthropy and business, significant private correspondence, diaries personal as well as those public and crumbling diaries we call newspapers. He wants these witnesses before him together with the later reflections on their testimony. For we advance by trial and error, living in a mystery, none knowing either the origin or the end of life. The experimental method rules in every sector where progress is scored.

The late Dr. William E. Barton is a notable example. His work was finished just before the break of textual filming but he went to the sources of a story supposedly exhausted and came out with an amazing body of testimony not even sus-

pected to exist. In his sixtieth year, after a brilliant career as a churchman, he fell under the spell of the Lincoln theme and for the last decade of his life pursued it with amazing energy. What was the truth about the claim that Lincoln was an infidel? What were his relations to women, especially the woman he married? What about the Walt Whitman story, and that of the Bixby letter? Just what did he say at Gettysburg? Above all, who were his people, especially his mother? To get the answers to these and other moot questions he packed a typewriter, mounted a horse, and rode the whole Lincoln country touched from birth to death and far beyond both. Thrice he followed the trail to England. Learning that a fellow named Sparrow was seen gazing at Lincoln's statue in the Kentucky State House and heard say he was Abe's cousin, he tracked him home to the back country and found himself where no biographer had ever been, surrounded by literally hundreds of the Emancipator's kin. On this and every spot he took testimony and wrote it down at once as spoken. And just in the nick of time. Five years afterward would have been too late. Thus he hurried to California three thousand miles away, lifted crippled Sarah Saunders from her bed, wheeled her into the sun, and in her 92nd year, a few months before her death, he got the story of Lincoln's overwhelming romance with Ann Rutledge from the lips of her own elder sister. These ninety volumes hold precious stuff no linotype will ever invade. From these shelves we can understand the dark brooding of the man and see Fate as a mocker. Why should he not know that his parents lived in wedlock? Why could he not learn that the peoples of his father and mother had come from opposite sides of England, lived in Massa-

chusetts and Virginia respectively a hundred and fifty years before the treks that brought them together in Kentucky, so that North and South mingled in equal parts in his blood, and, most surprisingly of all, one of his great-grandmothers was a Lee? What if he and his great Confederate opponent had known that they possibly had a common ancestor? History might have taken a bloodless turn. With such stuff is the light riding camera concerned.

THE ALLY OF SCIENCE

Into the stern battle with death and in war's destruction, the unequivocal mite enters as ally swift and strong. When Harvey Cushing went to Yale, he left 60,000 case records behind. A surgeon who trafficks with the brain ought to have in instant reach everything that experience has taught. The midget was off in a jiffy to fetch a copy. The Cook County Hospital at Chicago was assembling as many new histories every year, had already filled four basement rooms in overflow of the record room proper, seen disintegration from dust, dampness, and internal decay, and come to talk of constructing a new building for the voluminous files. The midget ended all that by rolling its spools to the rescue. Now a single carton, 4" x 4" x 1", displaces a drawer holding a double row of 5" x 8" cards, and the film will abide. For the endless battle with disease and death the reserves are thus packed and ready.

In similar fashion can our indefatigable little friend hide away in its elfin quarters the records of civilization when war's madness breaks loose. We have been a long time diverging from the beast—a half million years at least, we are told. You could hardly think it with Ethiopia,

China, Spain, and Austria before our eyes. Despite the length of our culture, the records are still held to four figures in years. How short a span! To visualize it, compress the 500,000 years to 50. Then on this scale writing was discovered half through the fiftieth year, the first name in European literature appeared less than four months ago, the printing press would be short of eighteen days old, and Darwin's *Origin of species* published this morning. This late and hard won stock of experience and dream we cannot afford to lose. Returning to it after madness, we can best remember and resume. Our bright-eyed dwarfs will keep the hoard and Snow White, too, if she will come.

Is it then any wonder one of our historians exclaims that the possibilities seem nothing short of fantastic and H. G. Wells begins to talk of a world brain? America far from the cradle of the race and its early marches, far, too, but not far enough from the terrors that afflict Europe, Asia, and Africa, is, with all the materialism that soils its page, bending diligently to perfect this hopeful tool, as diligently in fact as to fashioning the Ford assembly line or the Taylor system of scientific management. If we succeed and Europe is with us, then, in the freer flow of record from nation to nation, understanding will deepen, hates tend to abate, cooperation become the master word that will once more lift our faces to the sky.

CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX

The President announces the appointment of Mr. Laurence A. Leavey to the position of Managing Editor of the CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX with an office at the H. W. Wilson Company. Mr. Leavey will be in complete charge of the CATHOLIC PERIODICAL INDEX since Miss Barrows resigned during the summer of 1938. According to a statement from the new Managing Editor, the 1930-1933 cumulated volume should appear in the early spring. There is some probability of delay due to the amount of clerical work to be done and also to the fact that indexing copy previously submitted must be checked.

Mr. Leavey secured his library school training at Columbia University from which he received the degree of B.S. in L.S. in 1936. He has also completed a considerable portion of the requirements for a Master's degree. Since 1935 Mr. Leavey has been an active member of several committees in the C.L.A. and in the New York-New Jersey Regional Conference which he founded.

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Bible Classification Outlines For a Catholic Library

REPORT OF THE C. L. A. SUBCOMMITTEE ON BIBLE CLASSIFICATION

One of the common problems that faces all librarians in Catholic institutions is to find an acceptable Scripture classification. The schedules which can be had reflect a non-Catholic tradition, and a librarian who uses them as they stand will be looked upon askance by members of the Scripture department in a seminary or by others on a teaching staff who understand the purpose of classification and know the order of the books in the Vulgate or the Douay version. It was to acknowledge this difficulty that a special subcommittee on Bible classification was appointed and charged with preparing the following report which aims to be a solution or at least a basis on which individual librarians could work out their own solution while using the Bible outline of one of the well-known classifications.

Available classifications for editions of the Bible and its parts and for books treating of the Bible present two considerable inconveniences for a Catholic library; one is of terminology, a second is of arrangement.

To begin, the names of some books of the Bible, especially those of the Old Testament, differ in Catholic and non-Catholic versions. The library of Congress and the Decimal classifications adopt the forms of name used in non-Catholic editions and create a potential

source of confusion for those accustomed to Catholic nomenclature. The danger of a complete misunderstanding exists in only a few cases where identical names are applied to totally different books. A minor, but real, inconvenience follows when the forms of a name differ to such an extent that the familiar form cannot be recognized easily in the other variant. Before we consider classification, therefore, it will be useful to show the points of difference in titles of books and recommend that a note of these be made in the tables when the discrepancy is important.

Taking first the instances in which there is a complete difference of name, we have in the Catholic, or Douay, version *I & II Kings* instead of *I & II Samuel* used in non-Catholic English versions and in the schedules; we have *III & IV Kings* instead of *I & II Kings*; *Paralipomenon* instead of *Chronicles*; *I & II Esdras* instead of *Ezra* and *Nehemiah*; and among the apocryphal books there is *III & IV Esdras* instead of *I & II Esdras*.

Other differences arise when a name is rendered two different ways in translation; for example, *Josue* is used in the Douay instead of *Joshua* as in other versions; *Tobias* instead of *Tobit*; *Canticle of Canticles* instead of *Song of Solomon*, or *Canticles*; *Isaias*, instead of *Isaiah*; *Jeremias* instead of *Jeremiah*; *Ezechiel* instead

of *Ezekiel*; *Osee* instead of *Hosea*; *Abdias* instead of *Obadiah*; *Jonas* instead of *Jonah*; *Micheas* instead of *Micah*; *Habacuc* instead of *Habakkuk*; *Sophonias* instead of *Zephaniah*; *Aggeus* instead of *Haggai*; *Zacharias* instead of *Zechariah*; *Malachias* instead of *Malachi*; and *Machabees* instead of *Maccabees*. For some of these it will be seen that the differences are slight, but in cases where the relation between the two forms is not immediately apparent, the best way to avoid later confusion is to write into the schedules, next to the names of books as there printed, the form of name given in the Douay version and common in Catholic works on the Bible.

OLD TESTAMENT DIFFERENCES

If we turn now to the question of arrangement, or classification, the point in which both the L.C. and D.C. schedules fail to give satisfaction is in their treatment of a group of Old Testament books which in Protestant editions of the Bible are either omitted or printed in an appendix. These are the so-called *deuterocanonical books*; *Tobias*, *Judith*, *Baruch*, *Ecclesiasticus*, *Wisdom*, *First and Second Machabees*, and certain additions to *Esther* and *Daniel*. They are books whose Scriptural character was questioned in some quarters, but which have been recognized by the Catholic Church as belonging among the canonical books of the Bible. In Catholic editions of the Bible they are arranged among the other books in the order that has come down to us in the ancient Greek version of the Old Testament called the *Septuagint*.

It is natural that in a Catholic library there would be a desire to have this order of books of the Old Testament reflected on the shelves. To bring this about in the L.C. and D.C. schedules,

however, it would be necessary to abandon the place that has been provided for these deuterocanonical books (after the Old Testament in the L.C., and after the New Testament in the D.C.), and make places for them to accord with the Catholic canon, or list, by utilizing some of the numbers left vacant between adjacent Old Testament books. Thus, *Tobias* and *Judith* would come between *II Esdras* and the *Canticle of Canticles*; *Wisdom* and *Ecclesiasticus* would follow the *Canticle of Canticles*; *Baruch* would follow *Jeremias*; and *I & II Machabees* would follow *Malachias*. Deuterocanonical parts of *Esther* and *Daniel* would be classified with the books of *Esther* and *Daniel* respectively. Collected editions of these books could best be left in the position provided for them next to or along with the apocryphal books, because frequently such collections include the apocryphal writings.

For the convenience of catalogers in Catholic libraries which use the L.C. or the D.C. tables, the following modifications of the Bible sections of these classifications are suggested. The modifications show the differences in names of Old Testament books as well as the order of the deuterocanonical books. For the L.C. scheme there are provided tables of subdivisions to precede BS 1200 which give constant Cutter numbers for Greek and Latin texts of special parts of the Old Testament. Furthermore, for libraries which use the *Lynn Alternative classification for Catholic books*, references are given which tie together topics in the L.C. Bible schedule with others in the canon law, theology and church history schemes which might have an equal claim on some books. The tables of modifications follow:

Suggested Modifications of the Library of Congress Bible Classification for Use in Catholic Libraries.

Note. Numbers and words in parentheses are to be crossed out; matter in italics is to be added to the schedules.

BS		1419	Psalms.
[p. 77] Works about the Bible.		1420	Texts.
Cf. BS 585-613 Bible study; also, BQV 98. B4 and BQV 230.1327			Polyglot.
Work and publications of the Papal Biblical commission.			By language.
Commentaries.			.A1 Hebrew
Latin.			.A2 Septuagint
To 1800.		1421	.A25 Other Greek
1801-		1421.5	.A3 Vulgate
601.5 Bible teaching and study in seminaries.		1422	.A4 Other Latin
Cf. BQV 230.587, BQV 230.1327.			English
606 Non-Catholic textbooks.			Comparative texts.
612 Questions and answers; Bible catechisms.		1450	Douay, by date.
646 Cf. BQT 249, 283-289.			Standard versions, other than Douay, by date.
[p. 87] Special parts of the Old Testament.			Special Psalms, by number (as in Douay version of the English Bible, or in the Vulgate)
Under each: (where five numbers are given)			[Delete 'Authorized' given in the tables]
Texts		1481-1485	(Song of Solomon. Canticles.) Canticle of Canticles.
(1) As given in L.C. table.]		1491-1492	Wisdom.
(2) .A1 Hebrew		1493-1494	Ecclesiasticus.
.A2 Septuagint		1511-1515	(Isaiah. Deutero-Isainh.) Isaias.
.A25 Other Greek		1521-1525	(Jeremiah.) Jeremias.
.A3 Vulgate		1536-1537	Baruch.
.A35 Other Latin		1541-1545	(Ezekiel.) Ezechiel.
[(3)-(5) As given in L.C. table.]		1561-1565	(Hosea.) Osee.
Under each (Where two numbers are given)		1591-1595	(Obadiah.) Abdias.
(1) Texts		1601-1605	(Jonah.) Jonas.
.A1 Hebrew		1611-1615	(Micah.) Micheas.
.A2 Septuagint, and other Greek		1631-1635	(Habakkuk.) Habacuc.
.A3 Vulgate, and other Latin		1641-1645	(Zephaniah.) Sophonias.
.A6 - 25 Other languages (sub-arrange by date)		1651-1655	(Haggai.) Aggeus.
.Z7 Selections, by editor, A-Z		1661-1665	(Zechariah.) Zacharias.
(2) Criticism, commentaries, etc.		1671-1675	(Malachi.) Malachias.
1291-1295 (Joshua.) Josue.		1676-1677	Machabees I and II.
1321-1325 (Samuel.) Kings I and II.		1681-1690	Deutero-canonical books.
1331-1335 Kings III and IV.			Divided like 1691-1700.
1341-1345 (Chronicles.) Paralipomenon.		1711-1715	(Esdras I and II.) Esdras III and IV.
1351-1355 (Ezra.) Esdras I.			Cf. BS 1351-1355, 1361-1365.
			(1721-1725) (Tobit.) See BS 1366-1367.
			(1731-1735) (Judith.) See BS 1368-1369.
			(1741-1745) (Esther - Apocryphal parts.) See BS 1371-1375.
			(1751-1755) (Wisdom of Solomon.) See BS 1491-1492.

BS
(1761-1765) (*Ecclesiasticus*. *Wisdom of Jesus, son of Sirach.*) See BS 1493-1494.

1771-1775 *Apocalypse of Baruch*. Cf. BS 1536-1537 *Baruch*.

(1781-1785) (*Song of the Three Holy Children*.) See BS 1551-1555 *Daniel*.

(1791-1795) (*History of Susanna*.)

(1801-1805) (*Bel and the dragon*.)

1821-1825 (*Maccabees I-IV*.) *Machabees III and IV*. Cf. BS 1676-1677 *Machabees I and II*.

2410 (Add) Cf., or prefer, BQX 241-324.

2440-2520 (Add Cf., or prefer, BQX 317-318.

2536 Non-Catholic textbooks.

Modifications of the Bible Division of the Decimal Classification for Use in Catholic Libraries.

Note. Numbers and words in parentheses are to be crossed out; matter in italics is to be added to the schedules.

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- .1 Canon; Inspiration; Authorship; (*Prophecy*); *History of Bible as a book; Versions*.
- .8 Special topics; include here material such as is covered in L.C. classes BS 620-680, e.g. *Prophecy*.
- .95 History, i.e. History of Biblical events.

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- .2 (*Joshua*) *Josue*
- .4 (*Samuel*) *1-2 Kings*
- .5 *3-4 Kings*
- .6 (*Chronicles*) *Paralipomenon*
- .7 (*Ezra*) *1 Esdras*
- .8 (*Nehemiah*) *2 Esdras*
- .8a *Tobias*
- .8b *Judith*

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- .9 (*Song of Solomon, or Canticles*) *Canticle of Canticles*
- .9a *Wisdom*
- .9b *Ecclesiasticus*

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- .1 (*Isaiah*) *Isaias*
- .2 (*Jeremiah*) *Jeremias*

.3a *Baruch; Epistle of Jeremias*

.4 (*Ezekiel*) *Ezechiel*

.6 (*Hosea*) *Osee*

.91 (*Obadiah*) *Abdias*

.92 (*Jonah*) *Jonas*

.93 (*Micah*) *Micheas*

.95 (*Habakkuk*) *Habacuc*

.96 (*Zephaniah*) *Sophonias*

.97 (*Haggai*) *Aggeus*

.98 (*Zechariah*) *Zacharias*

.99 (*Malachi*) *Malachias*

.99a *1-2 Machabees*

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- .1 *Esdras (1,2) 3-4*
- (.2) (*Tobit, Judith, Esther*) See 222.8a, 222.8b, 222.9
- (.3) (*Wisdom*) See 222.9a
- (.4) (*Ecclesiasticus*) See 223.9b
- (.5) (*Baruch, Epistle of Jeremy; Song of the three children*) See 224.3a; 224.5
- .6 (*Story of Susanna, History of Bel and the dragon, Prayer of Manasses*. For matter in parenthesis see 224.5 *Daniel*.)
- .7 (*Maccabees 1,2,3,4*) *Machabees 3-4*; for *Machabees 1-2*, see 224.99a

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The Seventh Annual Conference will be held at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., April 12-14, 1939, in connection with the annual meeting of the National Catholic Educational Association. The theme is to be the commemoration of the fourth centenary of the introduction of printing on the American continent.

Report of the President and Executive Council*

(Concluded from the April, 1938, issue)

ADVISORY BOARD

An Advisory Board, coordinating the activities of the Regional Conferences and Local Units, was authorized. (No. 46. April 15, 1938.)†

A.L.A. BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR LIBRARIANSHIP

The Council has appointed a Committee on Library Training Agencies to cooperate with the A. L. A. Board of Education for Librarianship. (No. 54. May 7, 1938.)

CATHOLIC LIBRARY WORLD

With a view to concentrating the resources of the Association on the publication of the *Catholic Periodical Index*, it was decided by the Executive Council at its meeting held March 30, 1937 in Louisville, Kentucky that: 1. An effort be made to find some member of the Association who would volunteer to edit *The Catholic Library World* without the benefit of a salary; 2. A ballot be taken to obtain the opinion of the membership at large relative to a curtailment in the frequency of the organ.

After the sudden death of President O'Brien, fourteen individuals were queried relative to their willingness to accept the editorship on the following conditions:

* This report has been revised by the Editor with permission from the President.

† See Section 8 of the Constitution.

1. That the period of editorship may be terminated by the President with concurrence of the Executive Council at any time after the completion of the first periodical year or volume without need of showing cause.
2. That the first obligation of the editor will be to publish the official records and data of the Association.
3. That the editor shall aim to publish only such material as has a definite bearing on the work of the Association and to eschew such matter as is of a wider interest.
4. That the editor be amenable to the decision of the President and Executive Council relative to frequency of issue.

Three of the fourteen individuals queried volunteered to assume the work of editorship and submitted sample layouts. Sister Mary Reparata, O.P., was chosen as editor for the year ending June, 1938. (No. 20. Oct. 18, 1937.)

Ballots were issued to all members relative to frequency of issue and a majority of the ballots were returned. Only 64 insisted on retaining monthly issues. Only 26 expressed themselves as unwilling to accept the reduction to a single annual issue to consist of a Proceedings and Handbook number, providing this step would definitely hasten the appearance of the *Catholic Periodical Index*. (No. 1. Aug. 30, 1937.)

The editor of *C. L. W.*, may use the income from advertising for the expenses of *C. L. W.*, in addition to the \$600 originally appropriated for the purpose. (No. 55. May 9, 1938.)

While attending the annual meeting of the Illinois Regional Conference last December, the President found Sister Mary Reparata quite determined not to change her original intention of accepting the editorship for one year only. After some correspondence with two of the original three nominees, Mr. Eugene P. Willging, Librarian of the University of Scranton, was elected on the second ballot. (Nos. 58-64. May 9, 1938.)

COMMITTEES

All committees were rescinded by the Executive Council at the Louisville meeting. In the face of the apparent contradiction in Sections 18 and 23 of the Constitution relative to the appointment of committees by the President, and since the authority to appoint committees does not necessarily imply the authority to initiate, or to create, committees and to determine their powers and functions, the Executive Council, by virtue of the plenary powers given to it in Sections 9 and 24 of the Constitution, has accepted the responsibility for the creation and appointment of all committees until further action by the general assembly. (No. 2. Sept 8, 1937.) Therefore the Committees on Hospital Libraries and on Cataloging and Classification, appointed by President Byrne, were submitted to the Executive Council, formally approved and purposes defined. (No. 31. Dec. 4, 1937.)

A Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was appointed to which Rev. Max Satory was appointed to fill a vacancy.

(Nos. 3 and 26. Sept. 10 and Oct. 20, 1937.)

The following recommendations relative to committee appointments have been approved. (No. 4. Sept. 8, 1937):

1. That no person should accept an appointment as chairman of a committee unless he has stenographic help available, unless he is willing to give some time and attention to the work of the committee, and unless he is willing to work with the members of the committee.

2. That no person should accept a position as a member of a committee unless he is prepared to assist in the work of the committee and to answer correspondence.

3. That a copy of the recommendations above, together with a statement of the aims of the committee, be forwarded to each *C. L. A.* member when he is invited to serve on a committee.

4. That no chairman of a committee be reappointed for a second year if the committee shows no sign of activity.

A Book Selection Committee, Mary C. Devereaux, Chairman, was appointed to promote the preparation of Catholic book selection aids and to serve as a clearing house for such projects. Other members will be appointed after consultation with the chairman. The chairman was asked to bear in mind that the *C. L. A.* will not be able to assist this committee financially from present budgeted funds. (No. 34. Dec. 16, 1937.)

A Publicity Committee, consisting of representatives of each Regional Conference and Local Unit, of various geographical districts not otherwise covered, and of a general executive board, was formed. (Nos. 27, 35, 45:3.)

A Program Committee was approved Dec. 16, 1937. (No. 36.)

When it was observed that the N.C.E. A. in seeking data for its survey of Catholic libraries employed the forms prepared by the A. L. A. College Advisory Board for college library statistics, the Council authorized the appointment of a Committee on Statistical Forms for Catholic Library Reports, but deferred the appointment of the personnel of the Committee. (No. 40. April 8, 1938.)

The Council reinstated the Committee on Recommendations for the *Essay and General Literature Index*. At the same time Council authorized and appointed the Committees on Membership, Library Service for Catholic Readers (including Parish Libraries), Committees and Special Projects, Committee Appointments, Special Membership, and *Catholic Library World*. (No. 45:5-10. April 15, 1938.)

A Committee on Library Training Agencies was appointed with personnel to be announced. (No. 54. May 7, 1938.)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Candidates for the Executive Council are required to give reasonable assurance to the Committee on Nominations that they shall attend three out of the six annual conferences normally held during their term of office. (No. 18. Oct. 18, 1937.)

FINANCES

For the fiscal year Sept. 1, 1937 through Aug. 31, 1938 all expenses were budgeted instead of approving individual items of expense. Budgets were provided for the postage and stationery of the official business of the President, Secretary, and the Editor of *C. L. W.*, printing of the *C. L. W.*, salaries for *C. P. I.*, and a Contingency Fund. (No. 27A. Oct. 20, 1937.)

A long letter from the President (Feb. 4, 1938) urged the adoption of strict accounting principles with detailed analysis of income and expenditures for each office given a budget. From this letter the following decisions followed:

- That C.L.A. finances be placed on a budget basis. (No. 48, May 3, 1938.)
- That the Secretary-Treasurer shall submit statements along the lines suggested as to classification and details. (No. 49. May 3, 1938.)
- That the fiscal year shall run from September 1 to August 31. (No. 50. May 3, 1938.)

HEADQUARTERS OFFICE

Now that there is a headquarters office, all persons holding documents belonging to C. L. A. are requested to send them to this office in care of the Secretary-Treasurer. This applies to all past officers, chairmen of committees, etc. The official correspondence sent and received by them as well as the minutes, reports and results of their activities should be filed at the headquarters office. The University of Notre Dame will provide office space for the necessary records of C. L. A. for the present.

MIDWINTER CONFERENCES

Midwinter meetings have sometimes been referred to in *C. L. W.* as the Midwest Regional Conference and at other times as the Midwinter Conference of the C.L.A. In order to clarify this matter the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws has been requested to prepare constitutional provisions covering special meetings of the Association. There is likely to be a real need for a midminter meeting of the Executive Council each year; and some other C.L.A. committees or groups may wish to meet at the same time and

place. It has been proposed by the President that when midwinter meetings are announced in future the specific C.L.A. groups taking part be named, and that there be ordinarily no general assemblies of the Association as such at midwinter meetings.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL ASSN.*

During the spring of 1938 cordial relations were established with the College and University Department of N. C. E. A., through a series of letters between the President of C. L. A., and authorized officers of the aforementioned department of N. C. E. A. The President represented the C. L. A. at the Milwaukee meeting of N. C. E. A. in April. A member of the Committee on Libraries and Library Holdings will represent N. C. E. A. at the annual meeting of C. L. A. The N. C. E. A. has several studies under way which give promise of being of great benefit to Catholic college and secondary school libraries. The chairman of the Midwest Unit of the N. C. E. A. has invited the President of C. L. A. to secure a speaker from the ranks of the C. L. A. to address the annual meeting of the Midwest Unit next March on the subject of the professional qualifications of the college librarian. Up to the present time no official steps have been taken toward joint action on the part of the two Associations in respect to the independent efforts of the N. C. E. A.: 1. To assemble statistical reports on Catholic college libraries; 2. To prepare a pattern map of expenditures and holdings in the Catholic colleges belonging to the North Central Association; 3. To prepare a list of recommended books for Catholic secondary school libraries. There is every reason to believe that such collaboration will

follow in due course, providing we can demonstrate our ability and willingness to afford competent and reasonably expeditious assistance.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE

In the early fall of 1937, the President made inquiries of the N. C. W. C. relative to the feasibility of a C. L. A. affiliation with N. C. W. C. An approval of the suggested affiliation was obtained at the fall meeting of the hierarchy of the U. S. The proposal has been approved by the Executive Council. (No. 52. May 7, 1938.) Formal affiliation awaits the working out of the details of the relationship. It was hoped that the Director of the Education Department of the N. C. W. C. could meet with our Executive Council at its Kansas City meeting but previous engagements rendered it impossible for him to arrange a conference.

OFFICERS—VICE-PRESIDENT

The Executive Council has gone on record as favoring the proposal that the vice-president shall be at the same time president-elect and shall succeed to the president's office upon the completion of the president's regular term, and that the retiring president shall be a member of the Executive Council during his successor's term of office. (No. 65. May 9, 1938.)

POLICY

The Executive Committee named a Sub-Committee on Policy from its own body to prepare a statement of the scope of C. L. A. activities and of such other matters as may seem appropriate, including editorial policy for C. L. W. (No. 30. Nov. 30, 1937.) This statement of the objectives of C. L. A. as drawn up by Dr.

* See the report on the Shaw List revision, *infra*.

William A. FitzGerald was included in the constitutional revisions, Section 3, printed in the October *World*.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

In order to meet the requirements of Section 22a of the Constitution, which provides that Regional Conferences may be formed upon the approval of the Executive Council, uniform applications have been requested of all chairman of Regional Conferences and Local Units. The details of this action were published in the *World*, 9:27-8. Sept.-Dec. 1937. (No. 6. Sept. 8, 1937.)

According to No. 27 (Oct. 20, 1937): "The Secretary is requested to have the chairmen of the various Regional Conferences and Units submit names of two local representatives, one for membership on the national Committee on Membership and one for membership on the national Committee on Publicity."

REGISTRY OR COPYRIGHT OF NAMES OF C. L. A., C. L. W., AND C. P. I.

On April 8, 1938, the Secretary was requested to have the following names registered at the U. S. Patent Office: Catholic Library Association; *Catholic Library World*; *Catholic Periodical Index*. The Secretary found some complication in the procedure which he presented to the Executive Council at Kansas City.

RESIGNATION TENDERED BY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER

Miss Mary C. Devereaux submitted her resignation to the Executive Council on August 15, 1937. The Council declined to accept the resignation. (No. 16. Oct. 18, 1937.)

SECTIONS

Pending the establishment of constitutional provisions for sectional organiza-

tion, the chairmen of committees are urged to eschew the use of the term "Section" in place of "Committee". Chairmen are further requested to secure the approval of the Executive Council for projects and activities to be carried on under auspices of the Association, and to be governed by the constitutional provisions for committees.

SHAW LIST OF BOOKS

The Louisville Conference authorized the appointment of a committee to co-operate with the Library Committee of the National Catholic Educational Association on a list of Catholic works for inclusion in the revision of the *Shaw List of Books for College Libraries*. This Committee on the Shaw List Revision was discharged under recommendation of the chairman, Rev. F. A. Mullin. Since Feb. 5, 1938 the President of C. L. A. has been in communication with Father Haun, a member of the N. C. E. A. Library Committee authorized to deal with C. L. A., who has stated that N. C. E. A. is determined to have a list suitable for Catholic college libraries from which titles suitable for inclusion in the Shaw List can be chosen. The C.L.A. Committee would supply the bibliographical detail on publishers, list prices, latest editions, etc. "Responsibility for the scholarship, or lack of it, in preparation of the list is to be assumed by our committee (N. C. E. A.), with acknowledgement of the services rendered by the librarians."

Under date of March 5, 1938, Father Haun proposed to the President that Dr. Mullin be charged with the chairmanship of a committee to provide the bibliographical details of the N. C. E. A. list of Catholic books for college libraries, and that Dr. Mullin suggest to the Executive Council the names of the persons he de-

sired to work with him on the committee. The proposal was not approved by the Executive Council.

At the Milwaukee meeting of the N. C. E. A. in April, 1938, the Committee on Libraries and Library Holdings of the College and University Department urged the President of C. L. A. to accept personally the responsibility for revising and perfecting the list of books compiled under the direction of the aforementioned Committee last year. Father Farrell declined to accept the responsibility personally which was then accepted by the chairman of the N. C. E. A. Library Committee, Dr. Samuel K. Wilson, S. J.

Father Farrell agreed to propose to the Executive Council at its Kansas City meeting in June: 1. That C. L. A. assume responsibility for the bibliographical details of the N. C. E. A. list; 2. That in future C. L. A. will meet at least in alternate years with the N. C. E. A.

VOTES BY CORRESPONDENCE

The time limit during which the votes by correspondence of the members of the Executive Council will be recorded is set at 18 days. In each instance, a member may have his time extended three more days simply by notification to the President or person receiving the votes. (No. 13. Oct. 6, 1937.)

COLLEGE LIBRARY BOOKLIST

The College Library Advisory Board of the A. L. A. announces early publication of a supplement to Shaw's *List of Books for College Libraries* on which Mr. Shaw will begin work in January 1939. In a letter to the President, Mr. Shaw has made the following statement: "I shall welcome a list of recommended titles for the supplement from a committee of the Catholic Library Association. This should include new books published from 1931 through 1938; new editions of books included in the *List of Books for College Libraries*; and 1931-38 new editions of appropriate inclusions which were omitted in the original *List*. The most convenient format of this list would be Library of Congress cards with the notation in the upper left hand corner of the specific sub-section of the list in which the title belongs. For example, a biography of Cardinal Newman marked XXI-4, or a book of essays by Hilaire Belloc marked VII-4. In addition it would

be very helpful if one or two reviews of the book were cited on the back of the card.

"I hope that many individuals representing divers schools of thought are to assist me as advisers in this compilation. Very probably most of the titles suggested by your committee will be brought to the attention of this non-sectarian or multi-sectarian group of advisers. In the light of their comments and of reviews in authoritative journals, the final selection has to be made by a single editor, who has to attempt a reconciliation, synthesis and compromise of many conflicting opinions."

Our Committee on a List of Books for College Libraries has assumed full responsibility for the preparation of a list of titles for the supplement to the Shaw List. Sister M. Serena of Rosary College Library School is chairman of the committee and will welcome suggestions and lists of recommended titles.

Official Announcements

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The personnel of committees on Auditing, Constitution and By-Laws, *Essay and General Literature Index* and Hospital Libraries remains the same as given in the October issue, pages 40-43.

The following committees were authorized with personnel to be appointed later: Committees and Special Projects, and Special Membership.

The chairmen of committees, boards, and round tables, as well as the managing editor of *C. P. I.* and the editor of *C. L. W.* are granted membership on the Advisory Board. (E. C. Decision No. 67.)

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Sister Mary Reparata, O.P., former editor of *The Catholic Library World*, is spending a year in advanced study at the Vatican School of Library Science.

Editorial Page

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

The splendid "Analysis of Registration" taken at the sixth annual conference of the Catholic Library Association at Kansas City and printed in the October issue is a worthy tribute to the conduct of the details of the convention. A cursory glance at the figures recalls to those of us who were present, many religious garbs, many fine institutions of higher learning and many zealous individual members. But further perusal of the "Analysis" reveals a situation which is alarming to a national Catholic association of a professional nature attempting a concentration of energy and effort in the solutions of problems directly affecting the progress of Catholic higher education in America.

Missouri is adjacent to six states whose delegation to the conference numbered 92, although this same territory has a combined total of approximately 45 Catholic institutions of higher learning and 95 academies—not to mention the numerous high schools throughout the various dioceses in these states.

Of the total number of delegates representing 22 states, 52 were professionally trained librarians; 55 were librarians without library degrees, and 49 were non-librarians. These statistics reveal an actual ratio of 1:2 among trained and untrained librarians, and pooled opinions and legal adoptions in such proportions must lean to the side of the latter. The term "librarian" seems to connote anyone employed

in any type of library work—clerical, mechanical or professional. It may connote a very high type of service, or again, it may mean a genteel post. This patent lack of definite standards cannot but be detrimental to the best interests of the Association in general.

It is the desire of the Catholic Library Association that the standards of its profession rate with those of related fields of learning, such as teaching, medicine, law, etc. That our teaching communities are equipped educationally for the tasks undertaken and assigned, no one will gainsay; but that our educational libraries are largely conducted by inadequately prepared personnel is publicly attested by the figures in the registration report. There are throughout the Middle West and East, Catholic colleges where the members of religious communities may obtain a training in librarianship comparable to that offered in secular institutions. When this will have been accomplished, then and then only, will our statistics adequately represent one hundred percent coordination of purpose and cooperation—then our 23 universities, our 53 colleges for men, our 98 colleges for women, and our 33 normal schools, all under Catholic auspices, will send approximately 200 librarians to the conferences to represent Catholic librarianship. The Kansas report will then have tendered a real service to Catholic librarianship and to Catholic higher education in America.

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ADDRESS TO THE C. L. A.

(Concluded from page 54)

than that of the same librarians unorganized, even though they work separately for the same end." *

The success of American libraries, a success which to us Europeans is nothing short of astounding, is in large measure due to the A.L.A. The success of American Catholic libraries will be due in large measure to the A.L.A., and the C.L.A. In view of your achievements, may I be permitted to express a twofold wish, one for you and one for us? One for you: that you may develop the feeling of colleagueship to the point of realizing all its "beauty and sweetness," to the advantage of your libraries and your own personal enjoyment. To belong to a family is to have at every moment a centre whence one may derive strength and comfort. And a wish for us Europeans: that in accordance with your example, organizations of Catholic librarians may develop in our countries also. This will be one more instrument for the promotion of Catholicism throughout the world.

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

The Catholic Book Club is celebrating its tenth anniversary. Rev. F. X. Talbot, in the October 8th issue of *America*, points out that "of the 126 titles chosen in the ten year period, 100 were published by secular publishers, and only 26 by Catholic houses. Through the Catholic Book Club services, 225,000 Catholic books have been sent" to subscribers.

*A. L. A. *Bulletin* 30:5, Jan. 1936.

News and Notes

COLLEGE LIBRARY SURVEY

The Editorial Committee of the American Library Association is prepared to publish Rev. August Reyling's *Survey of Catholic Liberal Arts Colleges of the Middlewest* if sufficient advance subscriptions at a maximum price of \$4.00 are secured. The Executive Council favors the publication of the work and the Editor of C. L. W., who has personally examined and read the entire MS., regards the Survey as an outstanding piece of research which should be available in printed form. Advance orders should be sent to the Dept. of Publishing of the A. L. A.

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The third annual meeting of the Colorado, Kansas-Nebraska, Oklahoma-Western Missouri Regional Conference was scheduled for Nov. 12 and 13 at Monte Cassino Junior College of Tulsa. We hope to be able to announce the results in the next issue, particularly the addition of new members.

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The Western New York Catholic Librarians Conference has issued an annotated list of "Books for the Convent Library." Copies are available from the Chairman, Rev. Andrew L. Bouwhuis, S.J., Canisius College, Buffalo, at 8 cents each. The titles are well chosen although we would like to include a few good novels such as those by Helen and Olive White. As a spiritual reading list it will prove valuable.

RELIGIOUS BOOK LIST

The List of Fifty Best Religious Books, June 1, 1937—May 31, 1938, contained these titles by Catholic authors:

Gilson. The unity of philosophical experience. Scribner.
Bernanos. The diary of a country priest. Macmillan.
Piette. John Wesley in the evolution of Protestantism. Sheed.
De la Saudée. Communism and anti-religion. Kenedy.
Fursey. Three theories of society. Macmillan.
Martindale. Does God matter for me? Sheed.
Michel. The liturgy of the Church. Macmillan.
O'Connell. Naturalism in American education. Benziger.
Walsh. High points of medieval culture. Bruce.

The manner of selection differed from that of previous years in that five specialists, only one of whom is a librarian, represented the three faiths. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen was the Catholic member.

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The Department of Library Science, Rosary College, was accredited by the Board of Education for Librarianship at the Kansas City conference, according to the report of the Board printed in the September 1938 A. L. A. *Bulletin*. The Rosary College Library School specializes in training for service in Catholic educational institutions.

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Younger Children. *Old Testament Stories*. Adapted and illustrated by Maud and Miska Petersham. Winston. \$2.75. In full color.

CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

October, 1938

O'FAOLAIN. *King of the Beggars*. Viking. \$3.50.

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PHILOSOPHY

MOUNIER, EMMANUEL. *A Personalist Manifesto*. Translated from the French by Monks of St. John's Abbey. Longmans. \$2.00.

Affirms personal rights and opposes their violation by various aspects of modern civilization, as Fascism, Communism, and Capitalism.

RELIGION

CICOGNANI, ABP. AMLETO GIOVANNI. *The Addresses and Sermons of . . . Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States*. Benziger. \$2.50.

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CRAYFORD, REV. EUGENE J. *The Daughters of Dominic on Long Island: The Brooklyn Sisters of St. Dominic. The History of the American Congregation of the Holy Cross, Sisters of the Third Order of St. Dominic of the Diocese of Brooklyn*. Benziger. \$3.50. Important for every library collecting church history. Bibliographical appendix and index.

REMLER, REV. F. J., C.M. *Why Am I Tempted?* St. Anthony Guild Press. \$1.25. Nature and benefits of temptation with advice as to proper conduct.

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SOCIOLOGY

EUSTACE, C. J. *Catholicism, Communism and Dictatorship. A Short Study of the Problems Confronting Catholics under Totalitarian Forms of Government.* Benziger. \$1.50.

Contents: What is totalitarianism? Fascism. Nazism. Communism. The totalitarianism of God. Bibliography. Index.

FARRELL, ALLAN P., S.J. *The Jesuit Code of Liberal Education; Development and Scope of the Ratio Studiorum.* Bruce. \$4.75.

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O'CONNELL, GEOFFREY. *Naturalism in American Education.* Benziger. \$2.75.

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LITERATURE

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cents. Part 1, pp. xi, 97. Parts 2 and 3, pp. vii,
91. Mimeographed.

These lists of plays, edited by Emmet Lavery
and George Terwilliger, are designed primarily
as reference books for non-professional dramatic
groups. The basis of inclusion is not Catholic
authorship but conformity to "Catholic tradition
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dramatic craftsmanship. Many Catholic plays,
not included in these parts, will be mentioned
in special lists such as those to be devoted ex-
clusively to Irish, Christmas, Easter, Historical
and Passion Plays.

For each play is given a short descriptive, criti-
cal or historical note, a brief synopsis in 50 to 150
words, production notes as to type of play, cast
required, number and kind of sets, playing time,
costumes, type of direction and production (stage
equipment, etc.), the source of the MS. or printed
volume, and royalty fees. A minor improvement
would be an author, subject and title index to
each part. We recommend these listings very
highly and hope that others along the special
lines indicated will soon be forthcoming.

Macmillan's modern dictionary. Compiled and
edited under the supervision of Bruce Overton.
New York, Macmillan, 1938. Pp. xiii, 1466.
\$3.00; with thumb-index, \$3.50.

This dictionary includes over 140,000 words,
allusions, names of persons and of cities in one
alphabet. It almost resembles a handbook. It
lacks the illustrations of the other collegiate-
type dictionaries. In their stead it defines im-
portant current slang words and phrases, and
briefly identifies prominent living persons—both

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highly desirable additions. It includes with pronunciation, population, and location, the chief cities of the world and it gives the chief mythological, historical and literary names. In bold black print it groups together root words and phrases. After *candle*, for example, are found *Candlemas*, *Roman candle*, *burn the candle at both ends*, etc. While its vocabulary entries are less extensive but more practical than those of similar dictionaries, its etymologies seem less complete. Catholic and Biblical terms are well represented with sound definitions.

If one were marooned with only one abridged dictionary and no reference books, one would tend to choose this one. If like Mark Twain one wanted to read a dictionary across a long prairie journey one would prefer Macmillan's, and if one were a student with room and money for only one dictionary and no other reference books one would again wisely choose this one. What ought to be found quickly is in it; what isn't in it is usually rare enough to warrant a walk to a library.

A. J. A.

Educational handbook for Catholic schools and universities; 1938 edition. New York, Joseph F. Wagner, Inc., 1938. Pp. 96. Gratis.

"The ultimate aim of the HANDBOOK is to provide a complete Bibliography of current educational publications in so far as they are of interest or value for the Catholic field." In the attempt to attain this end the editor has secured advertisements from twelve book publishers and eight firms dealing in supplies and equipment. Many of the leading publishers (e.g., Scott, Foresman, Bruce, Appleton-Century, Heath, Holt, Houghton Mifflin, Sheed, etc.) are not represented so that users of the Handbook may be misled by choosing books simply from the brief subject-index to the publications of the firms represented. The reviewer fails to see any value in this very limited compilation and would prefer to use the classified catalogs of the individual publishers. A complete directory to publishers and educational supply houses, such as Wagner's *Catholic Buyers Guide* or the annual volumes of *American School and University*, is much more helpful. The articles in the front of the volume are excellent, particularly the one by Sister Mary Reparata, entitled, "Establishment and Maintenance of the High School Library," which states concisely equipment and financial standards together with some data on book selection.

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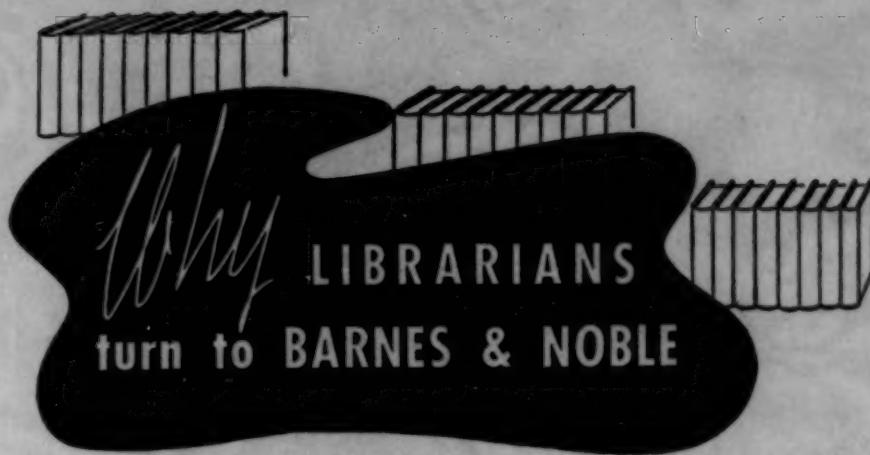
After explaining in detail the formal agreement between author and publisher and showing by means of an excellent chart the steps in the making of a book and the various duties of author, publisher and printer, Mr. Allen sets forth in the chapters on "Preparing the MS." and "Typing the MS." full instructions on every important point of literary, editorial (grammatical) and technical or typographical style. The list of proof-reader's marks, showing by example for each mark what change was needed to revise a sample incorrect galley proof and how the printed matter looked after revision, is a commendable departure from former ways of presentation.

A glossary of technical terms and a fine index conclude an excellent manual which every college librarian should recommend to his faculty colleagues as a *vade mecum* during the trying periods of authorship.

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